

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A haptic throttle control mechanism includes a vibrating element that is connected in vibration transmitting relation with the control mechanism. The
5 vibrating element can be a motor with an eccentric weight attached to its shaft or a piezoceramic component. The vibrating signal can be used to provide information to the operator of the marine vessel relating to the actual operating speed of the engine or, alternatively, it can be used to alert the operator of an alarm condition.